



IN LIKE Guy

FIRST it was Kylie Minogue, then Jason Donovan. Now Guy Pearce is set to make it a trio of former Neighbours stars making an impact on the big screen.

The 22-year-old heart-throb, who for four years played Neighbours' Mike Young, is on set in Fiji, where filming is being wrapped up on Boulevard Films' swashbuckling Young Flynn.

Looking every inch a Thirties film star, Guy's resemblance to the screen idol is uncanny — except for the eyes and moustache! To create the Flynn look, make-up artists changed the color of his blue eyes to brown, using contact lenses, and added the famous pencil-thin moustache.

Guy confesses: "I couldn't grow a moustache to save myself. I am one of those hairless people. It is quite embarrassing. It may look like a real Errol Flynn moustache but I can assure you it's not."

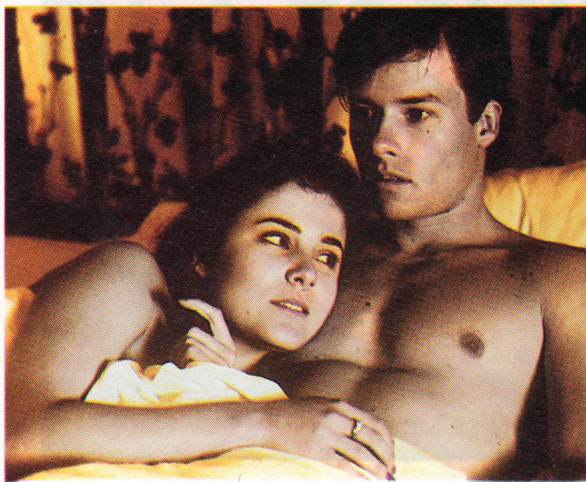
Produced and directed by Frank Howson, the film depicts the early life of Flynn, from a 16-year-old schoolboy in Tasmania to the making of his first Hollywood feature, Captain Blood, when he was 24.

After a nationwide search, Guy, a reluctant star and self-confessed homebody, was chosen to play Flynn — his third film with the Boulevard group.

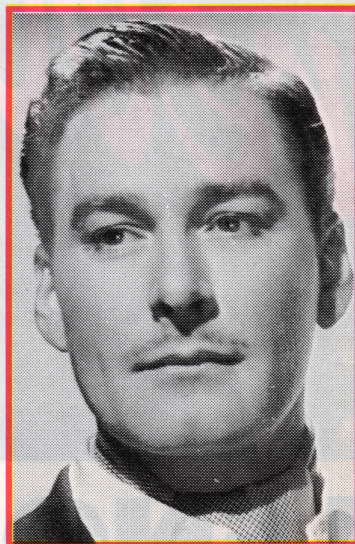
He also stars — with John Waters, Rebecca Gilling and Kim Gyngell — as a budding rock idol in In Heaven Tonight.

The soundtrack single, written and performed by Guy, will coincide with the film's local release through

**Stick on a moustache,
re-color his eyes and suddenly
he's instant Errol Flynn**



ABOVE: Guy in the bed scene filmed with Rebecca Rigg.
RIGHT: The real Errol Flynn, legendary matinee idol.



TAKE TWO!

AFTER more than a year in the making, Young Flynn, the movie about the life and loves of Hollywood star Errol Flynn, has under gone a metamorphosis.

Plagued by problems, the Boulevard production ground to a halt in Cairns during the airline pilots' strike.

With funds running out, producer Frank Howson sought overseas help and sold the film to the UK-based international agency J And M Films.

"Excited" by Young Flynn's inter-

national potential, J And M injected "a substantial sum" to revamp the film and distribute it worldwide.

The location was switched from Cairns to Fiji, where action shots are being filmed this month.

The script was extended to include top international actors John Savage and Steven Berkoff in an effort to boost the film's worldwide appeal.

Frank Howson has also signed deals for the worldwide release of Hunting and Heaven Tonight.

Nicola Murphy



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Guy was reunited on Flynn with his Hunting co-star, American actor John Savage. “He was fascinating to work with,” Guy says.

“After we’d finish a scene he would turn to me and say, ‘Was that all right?’ I thought, ‘Gosh! Here’s this man who’s done *The Deerhunter* and *Maria’s Lovers* and he’s asking me if he was okay!’ It was enlightening.”

Guy’s portrayal of Flynn as a love-’em-and-leave-’em cad in scenes of full-on lust and rebellion will rid him of his squeaky-clean image.

Flynn’s early love, Penelope Watts, was originally played by Rebecca Rigg, but the part has now been recast with Claudia Karvan because of Rebecca’s commitment to the film *Spotswood*.

Guy says filming the original Flynn-Penelope bed scene with Rebecca was the first time he had taken off his clothes on screen.

“I was a bit nervous at first but once I got to know the crew and Rebecca, it was all right,” he says.

“Flynn lived life to the fullest. I want to do the same — but film is my way of doing it! Raging doesn’t give me any satisfaction.”

With *Heaven Tonight* and *Hunting* signed for international release and *Young Flynn* to be premiered at Cannes next year, Guy isn’t about to rest on his laurels.

He has signed for his fourth film role with the Boulevard group, *Friday On My Mind*, to begin shooting in December.

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